

# **The Black Population in the United States**

# Topics Presented on the Black Population

- Population size, growth, age, and sex
- Geographic distribution
- Current socioeconomic characteristics

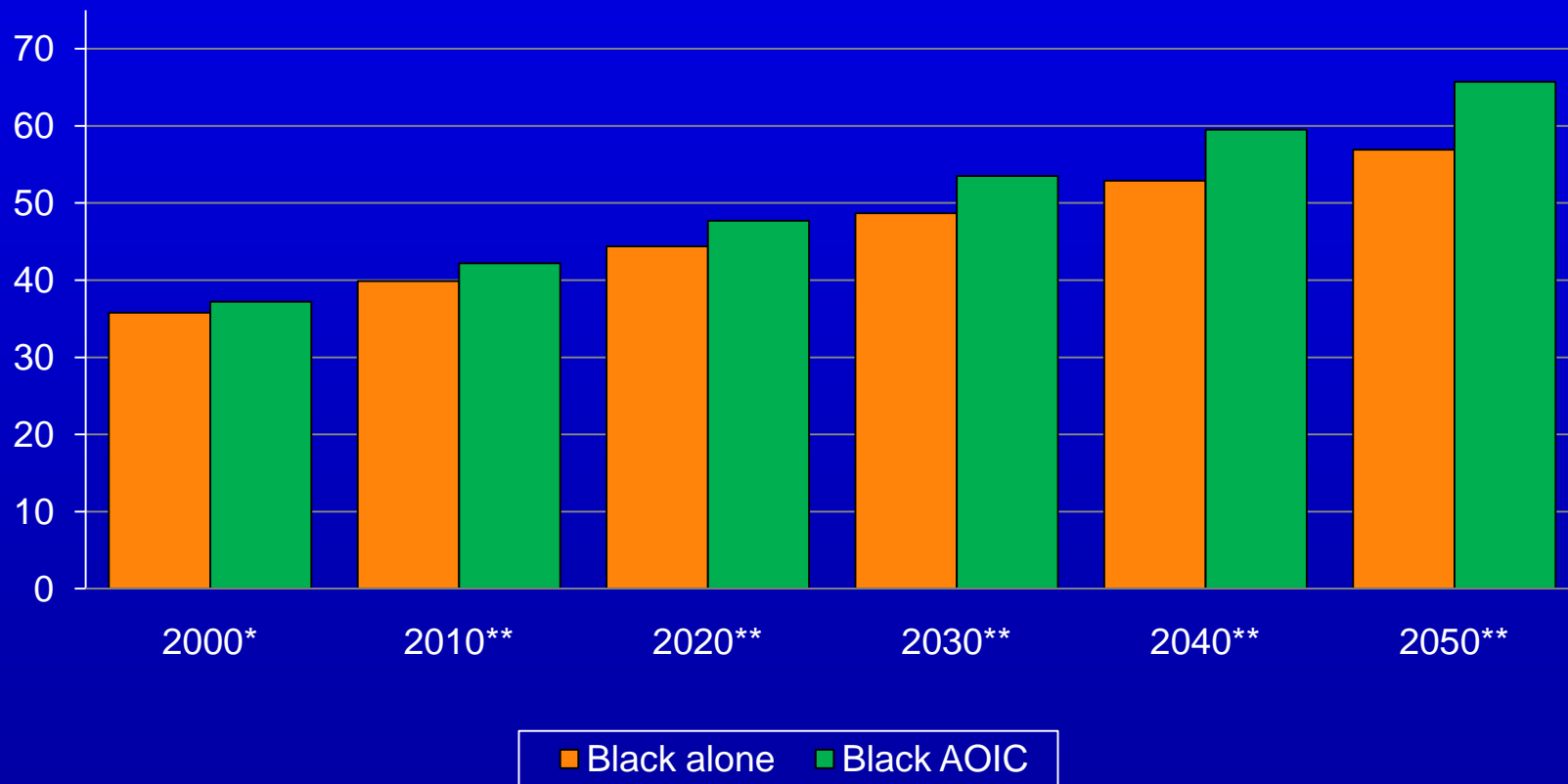
# Race Groups Presented

- *Black Alone* - Respondents who identify as Black and no other race.
- *Black Alone or in Combination With One or More Races (AOIC)* - Respondents who identify as “Black alone and no other race,” plus respondents who identify as “Black and one or more other races.”

# **Trends in the Black Population: 2000 to 2050**

# Black Population: 2000 to 2050

(Population in millions)



\*Population estimates as of July 1

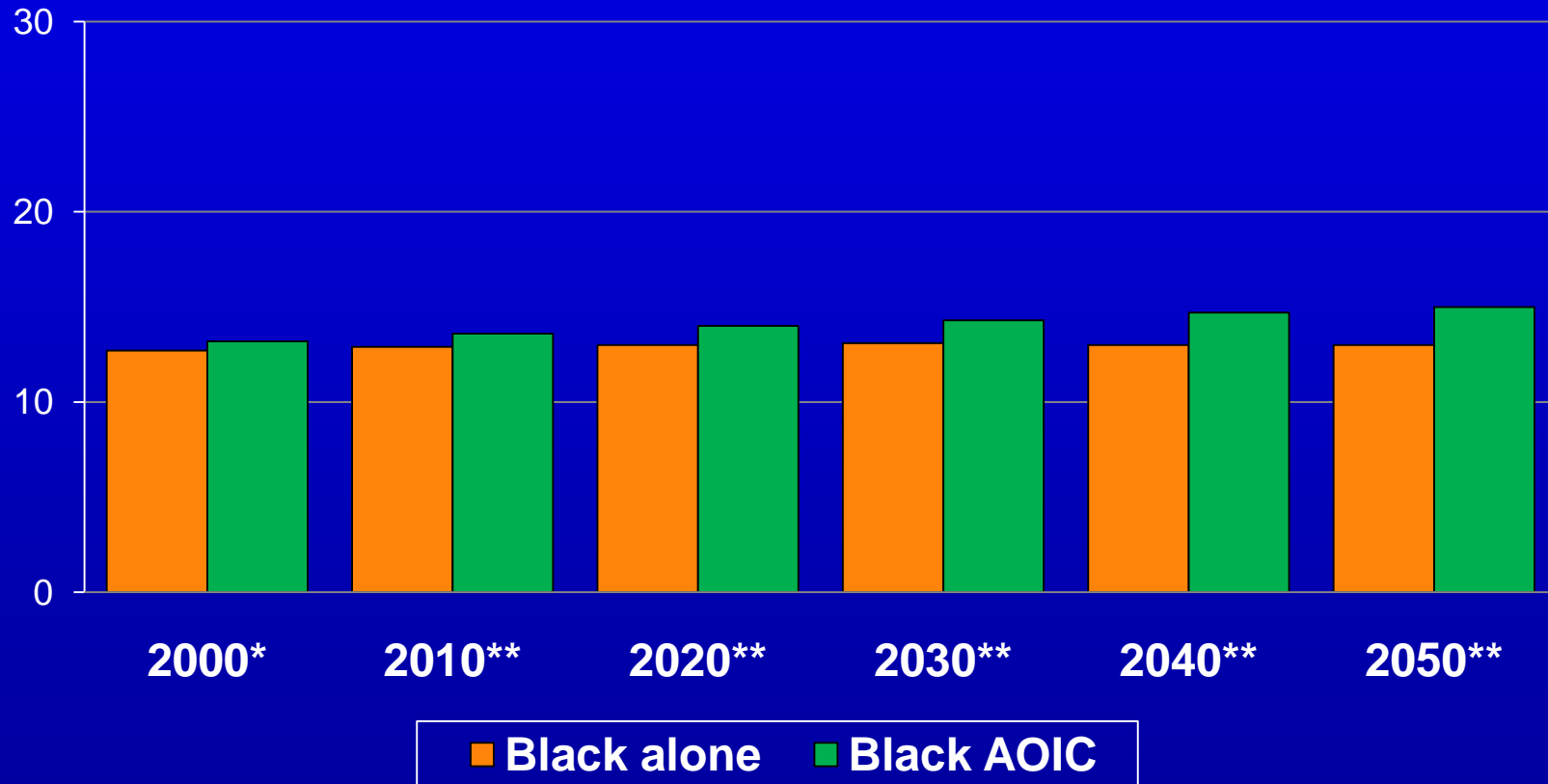
\*\*Projected population as of July 1

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Source: U.S. Census Bureau, 2008 National Population Estimates and 2008 National Population Projections

# Black as a Percent of Total Population: 2000 to 2050

(Percent of total population)



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# Current Trends in the Black Population

## As of July 1, 2008:

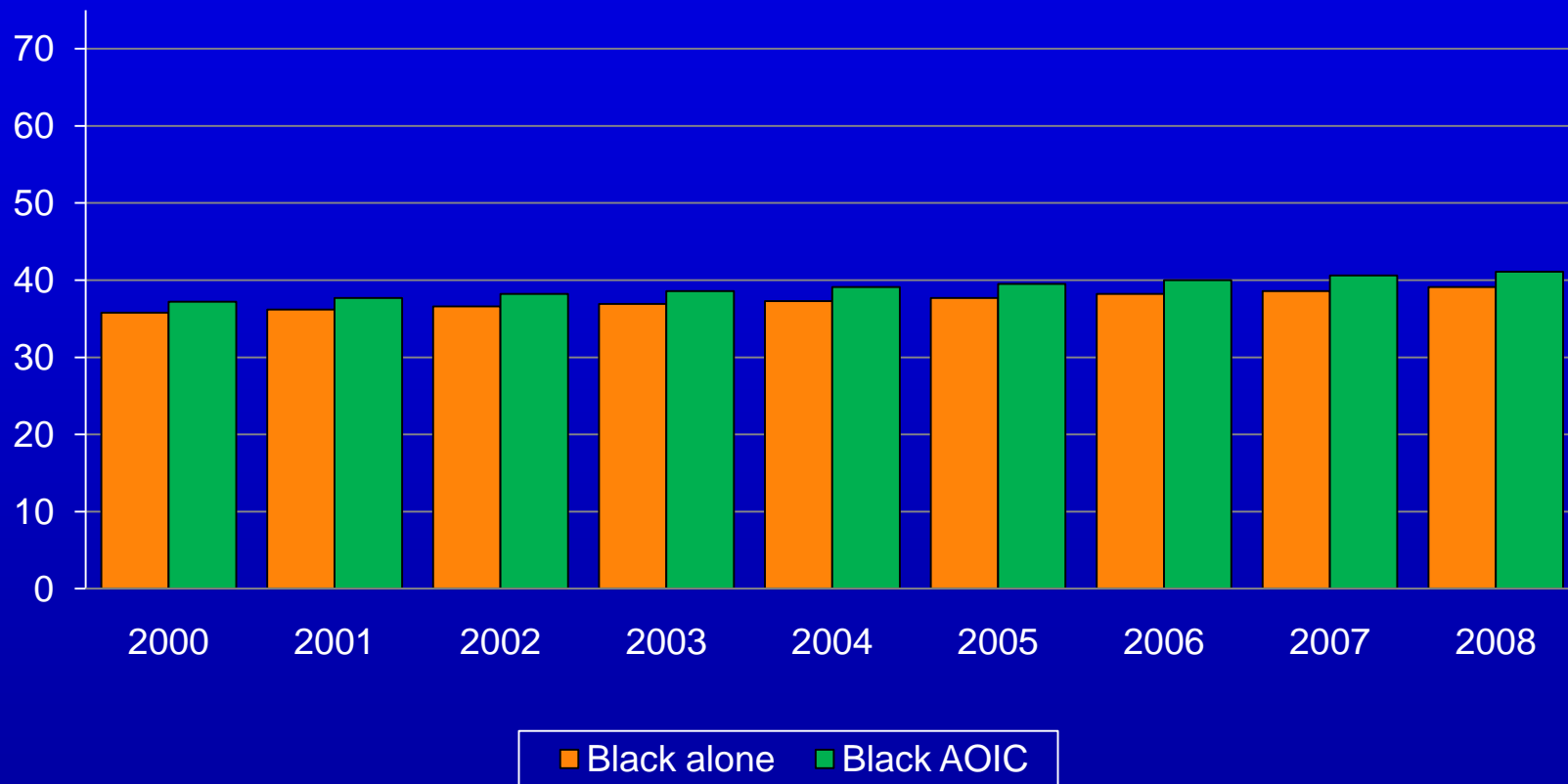
- 304 million U.S. population
- 39.1 million Black alone, 12.8% of U.S. population
- 41.1 million Black alone or in combination, 13.5% of the U.S. population

## Between 2000 and 2008:

- Black alone accounted for 14.8% of the change in the U.S. population
- Black alone or in combination accounted for 17.8% of the change in the U.S. population
- Black alone population change (9.1%) was more than the change for the U.S. population (7.8%)

# Black Population: 2000 to 2008

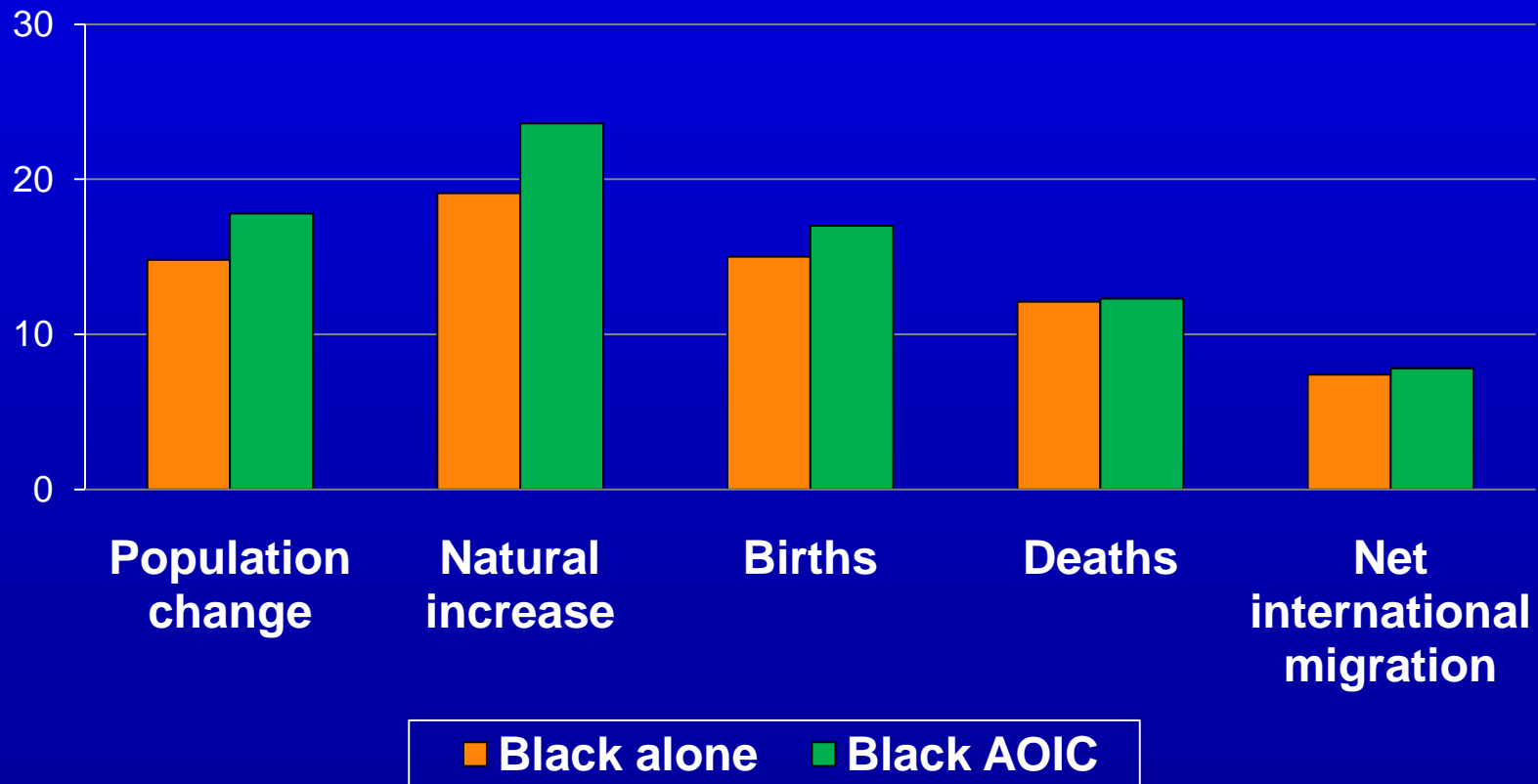
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# Percent Black Contribution to Annual Components of Change: 2000 to 2008

(Percent)



# Population by Sex: 2008

(Numbers in thousands)

Sex	U.S. population		Black alone		Black AOIC	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
<b>Both sexes</b>	304,060	100.0	39,059	100.0	41,127	100.0
<b>Male</b>	149,925	49.3	18,640	47.7	19,651	47.8
<b>Female</b>	154,135	50.7	20,419	52.3	21,476	52.2

# Median Age by Sex: 2008

<b>Sex</b>	<b>U.S. population</b>	<b>Black alone</b>	<b>Black AOIC</b>
<b>Both sexes</b>	36.8	31.4	30.3
<b>Male</b>	35.5	29.4	28.5
<b>Female</b>	38.1	33.3	32.2

# **Geographic Distribution of the Black Population: 2000 to 2008**

# Black Population by Region: 2008

(Numbers in thousands)

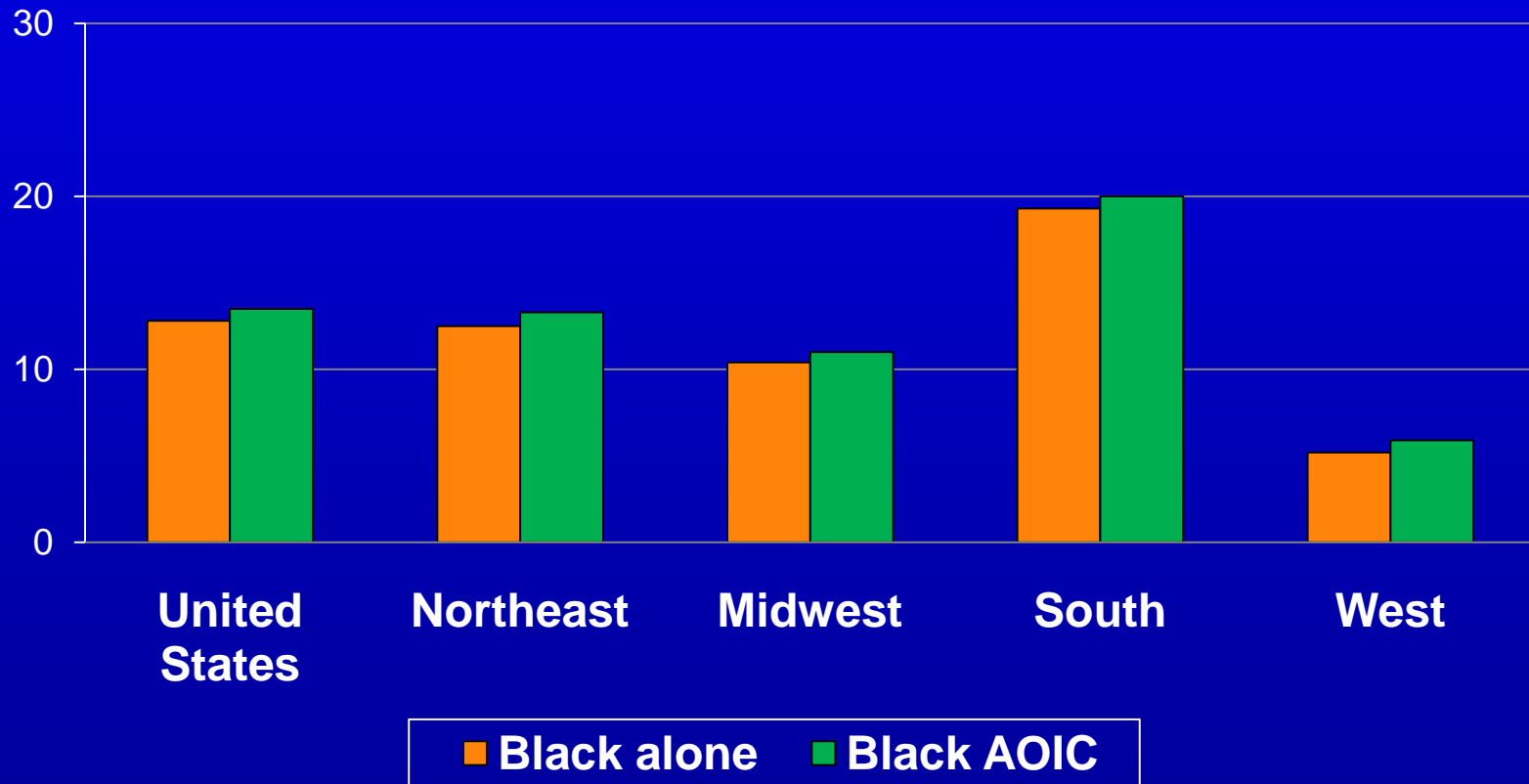
Black alone			Black AOIC		
Rank	Region	Number	Rank	Region	Number
1	South	21,609	1	South	22,293
2	Midwest	6,913	2	Midwest	7,354
3	Northeast	6,881	3	Northeast	7,317
4	West	3,655	4	West	4,163

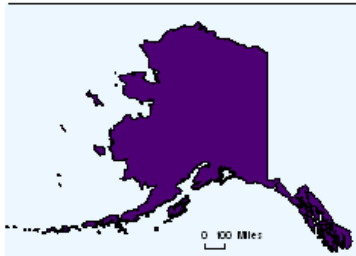
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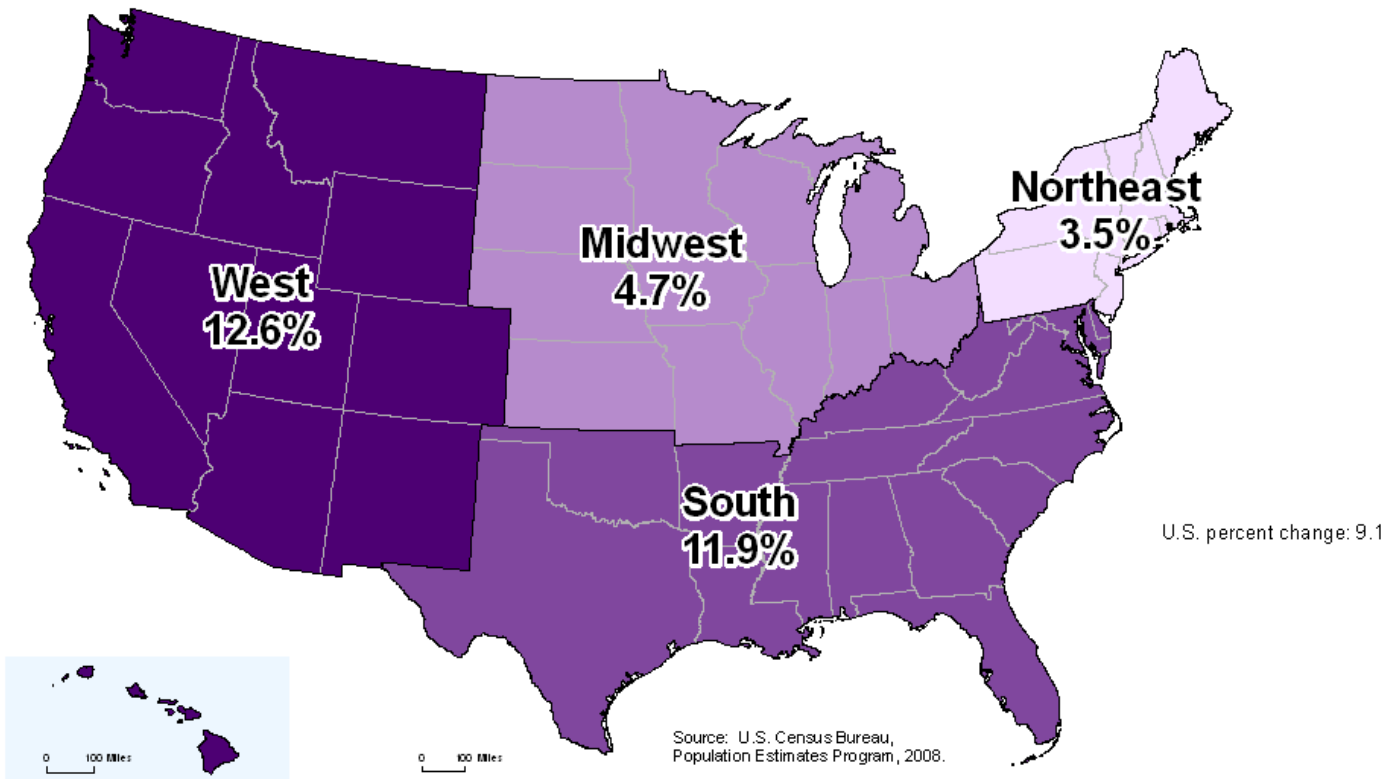
# Percent Black by Region: 2008

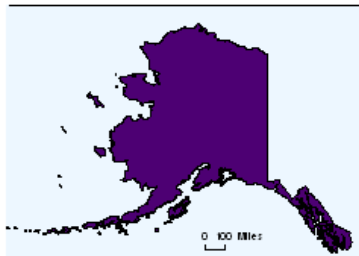
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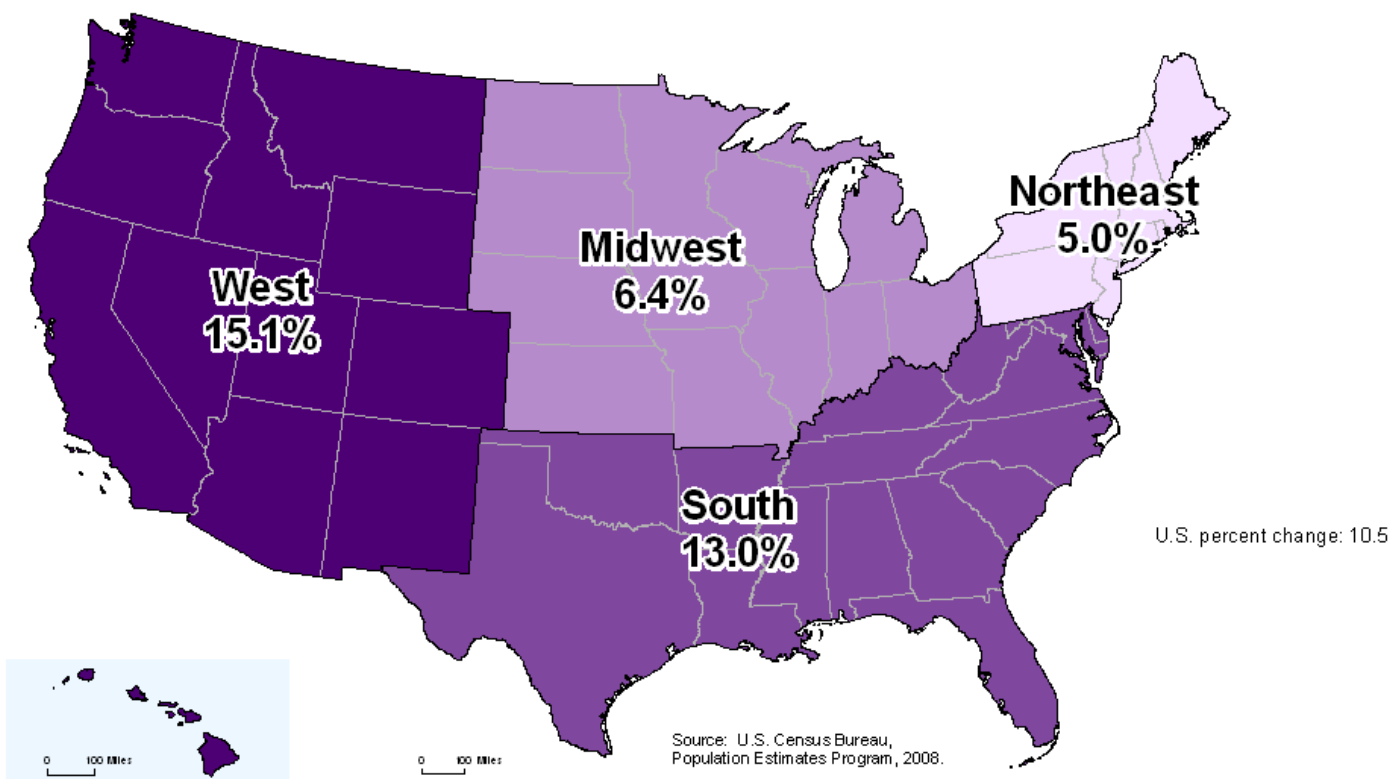


## Percent Change in Black Alone by Region: 2000 to 2008





## Percent Change in Black Alone or in Combination by Region: 2000 to 2008



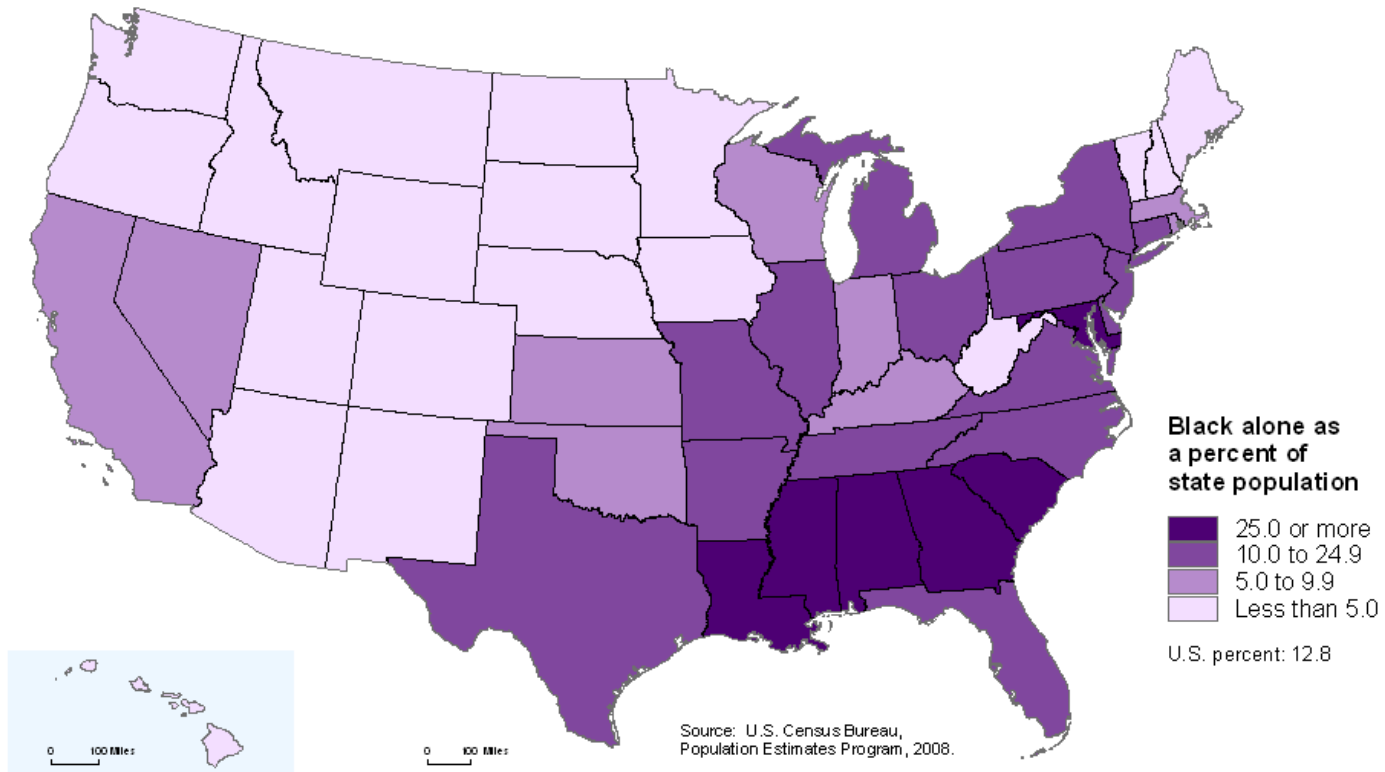
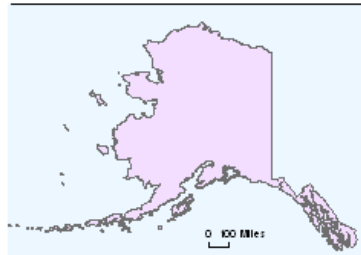


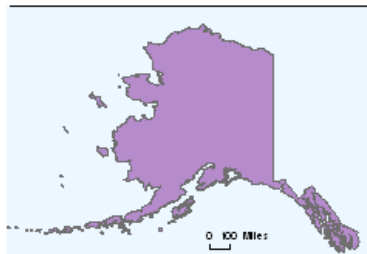
# Top Five States by Black Population Size: 2008

(Numbers in thousands)

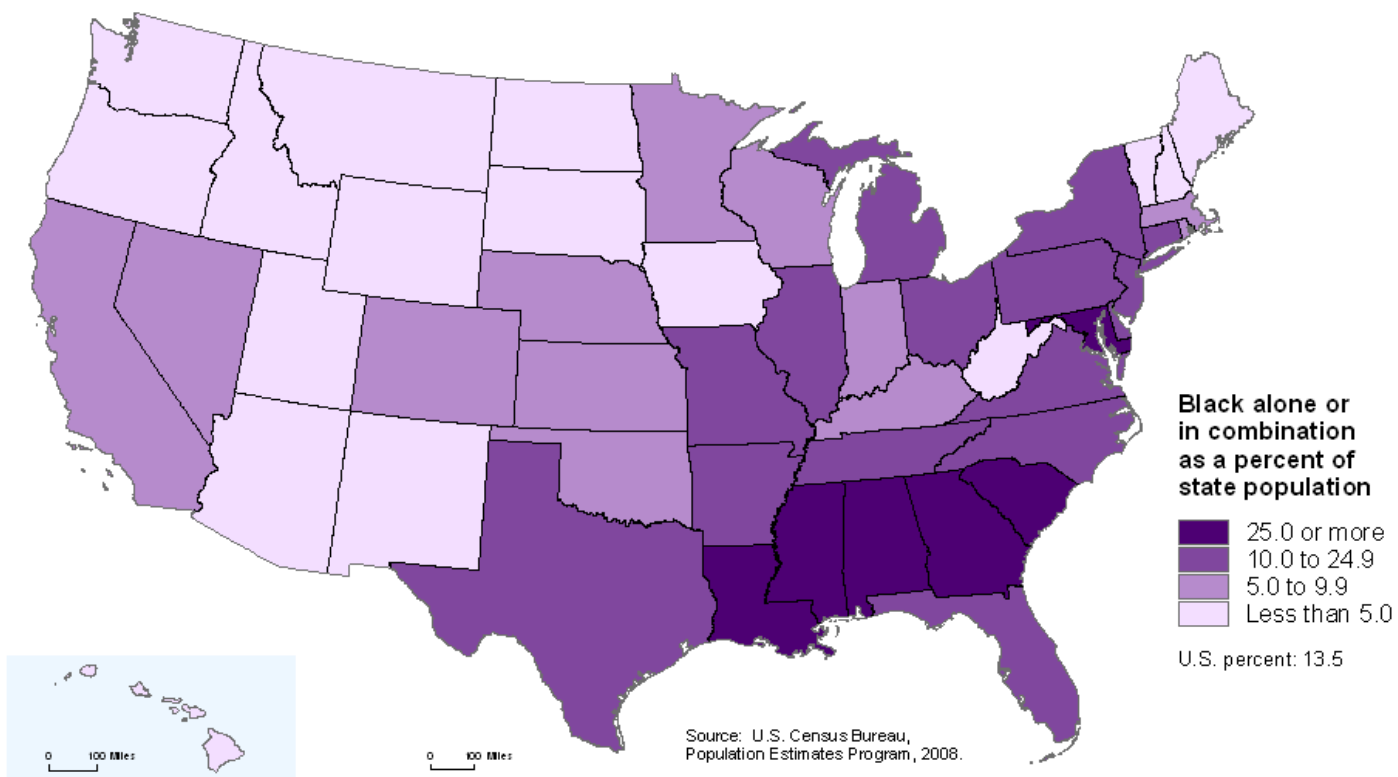
Black alone			Black AOIC		
Rank	State	Number	Rank	State	Number
1	New York	3,363	1	New York	3,549
2	Florida	2,916	2	Florida	3,037
3	Georgia	2,908	3	Texas	3,022
4	Texas	2,898	4	Georgia	2,972
5	California	2,451	5	California	2,726

## Percent Black Alone by State: 2008





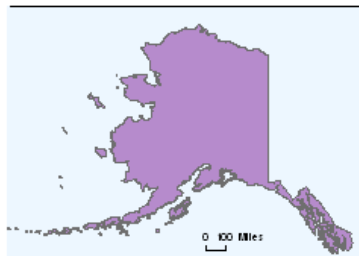
## Percent Black Alone or in Combination by State: 2008



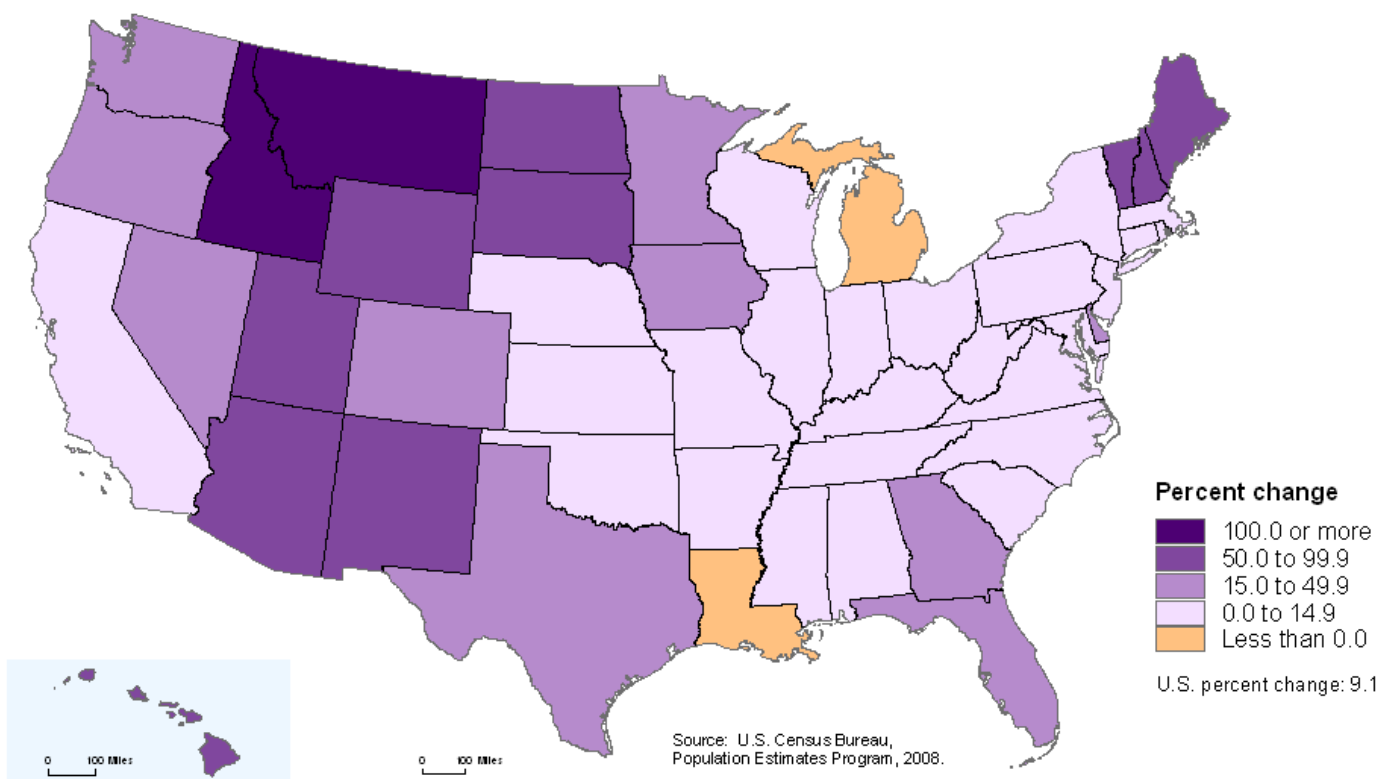
# Top Five States by Black Percent Change: 2000-2008

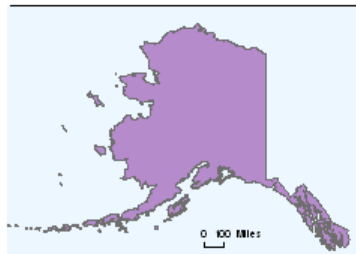
(For states with 100,000 or more Blacks in 2008)

Black alone			Black AOIC		
Rank	State	Percent change	Rank	State	Percent change
1	Arizona	58.9	1	Arizona	61.1
2	Nevada	49.0	2	Nevada	50.9
3	Minnesota	32.1	3	Minnesota	33.3
4	Washington	22.6	4	Washington	24.8
5	Georgia	21.9	5	Colorado	24.2

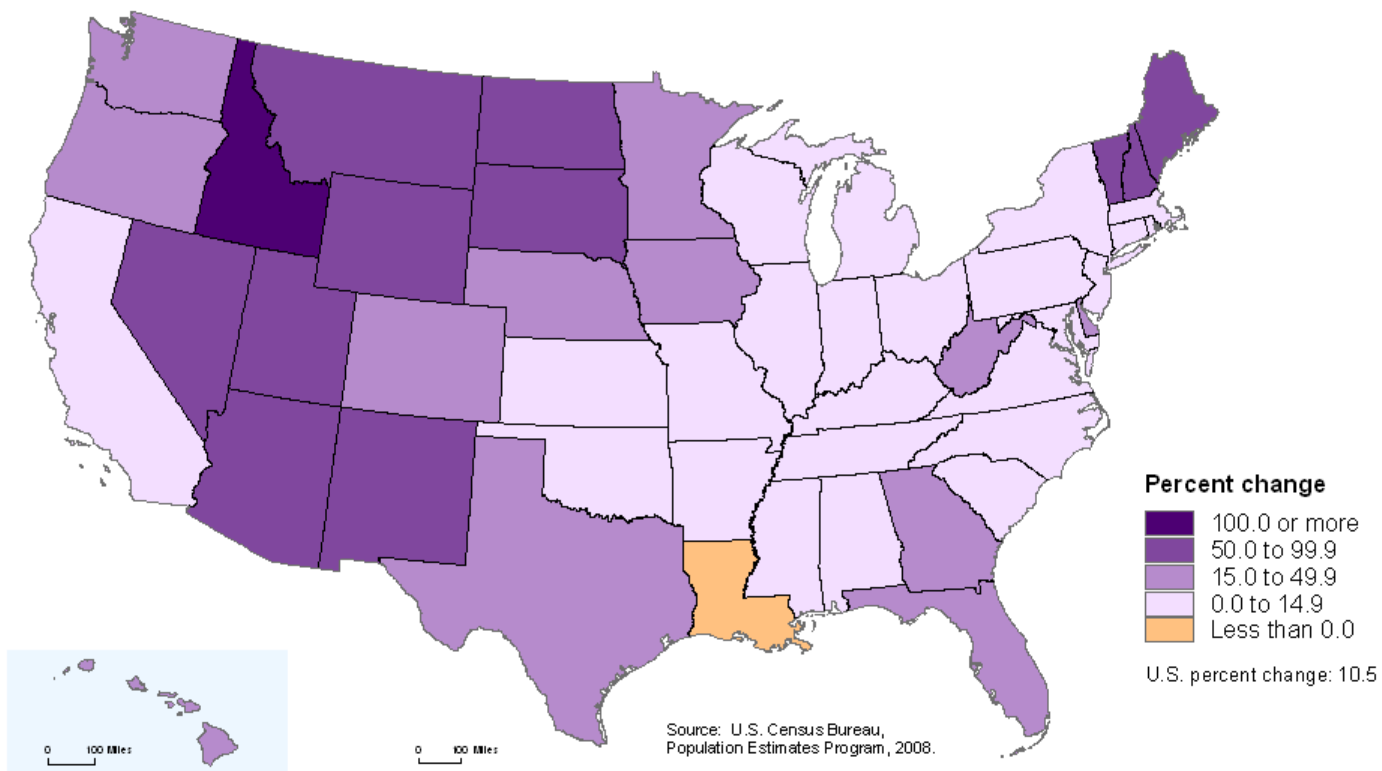


## Percent Change in Black Alone by State: 2000 to 2008





## Percent Change in Black Alone or in Combination by State: 2000 to 2008

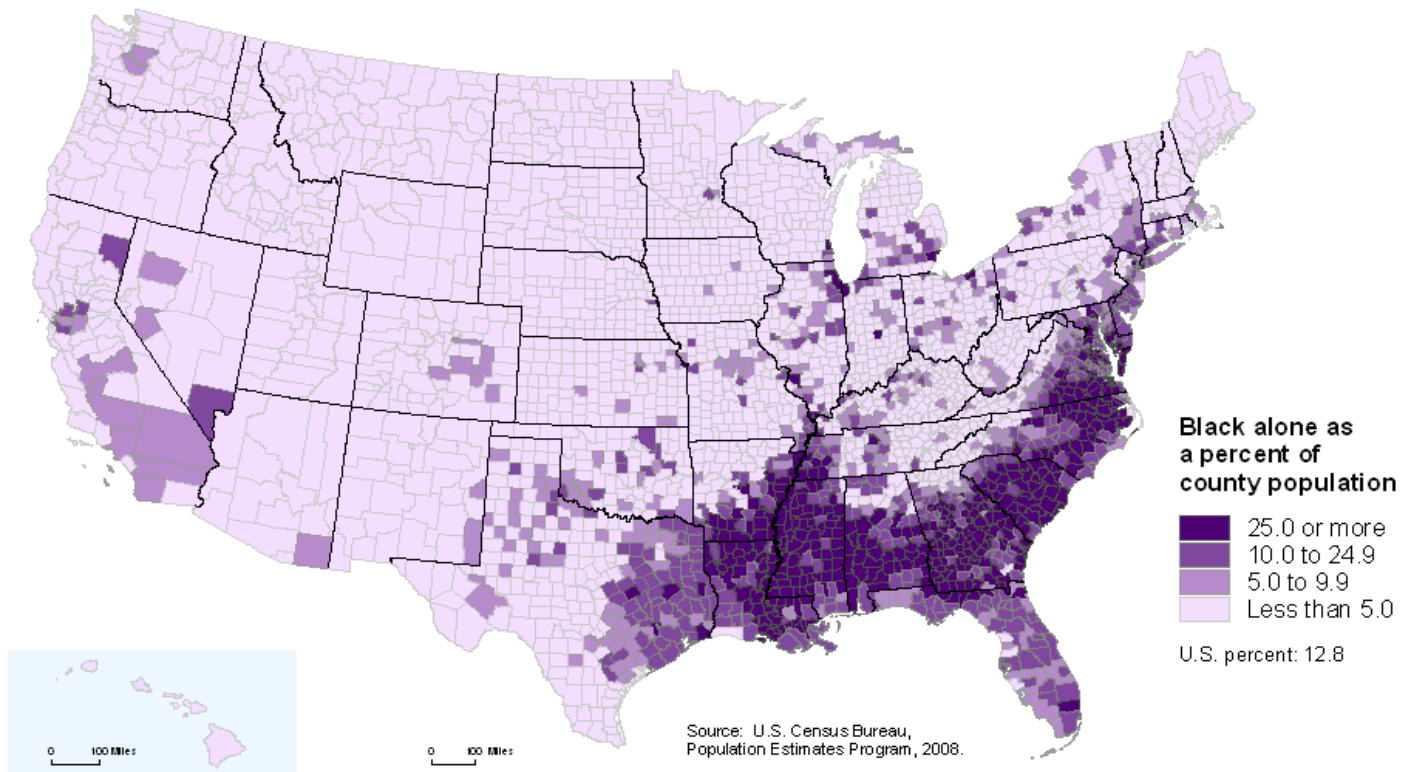
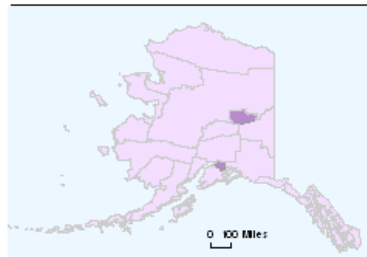


# Top Five Counties by Black Population Size: 2008

(Numbers in thousands)

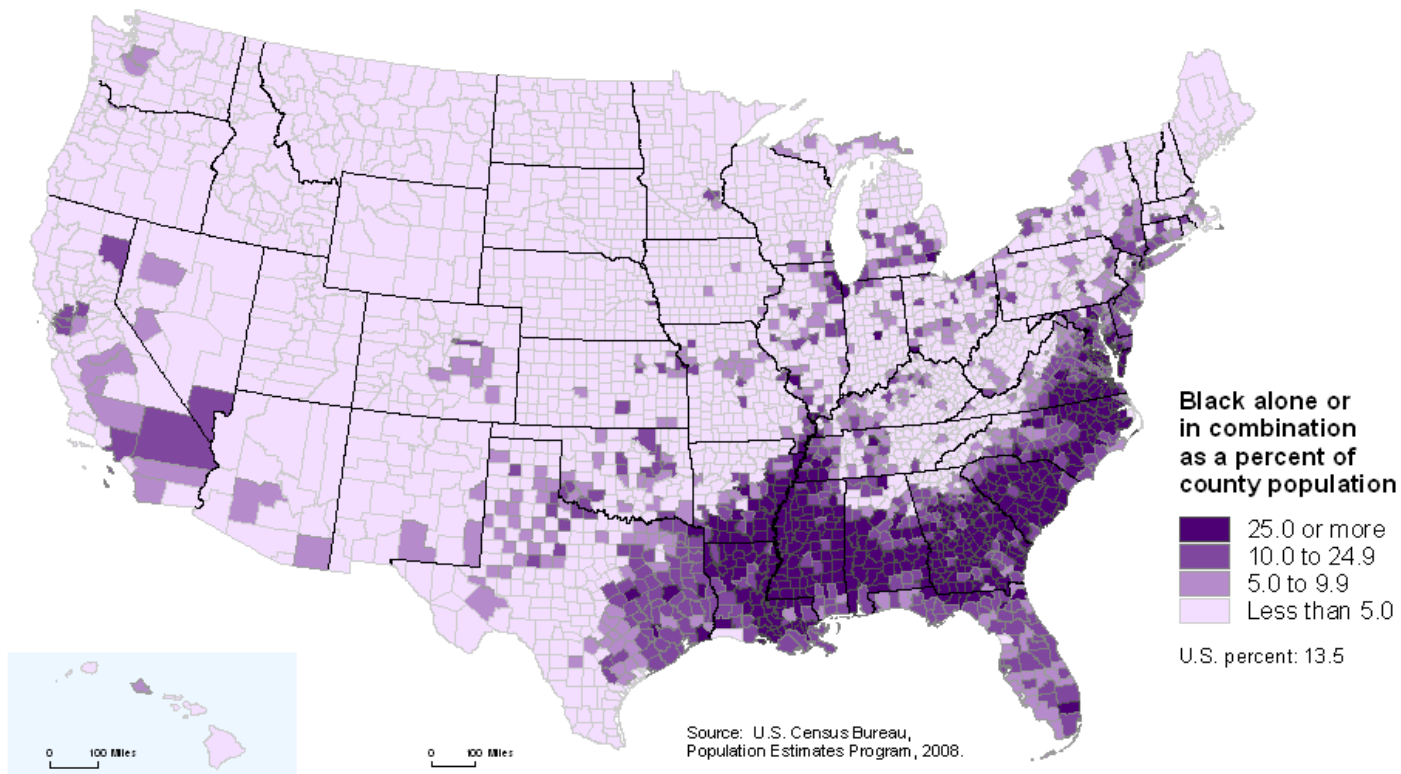
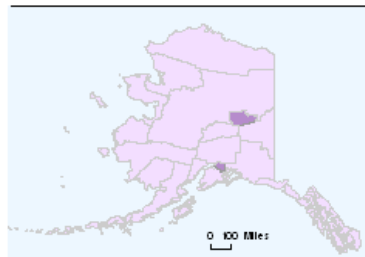
Black alone			Black AOIC		
Rank	County	Number	Rank	County	Number
1	Cook, IL	1,358	1	Cook, IL	1,389
2	Kings, NY	950	2	Los Angeles, CA	997
3	Los Angeles, CA	931	3	Kings, NY	976
4	Wayne, MI	797	4	Wayne, MI	815
5	Harris, TX	747	5	Harris, TX	769

## Percent Black Alone by County: 2008





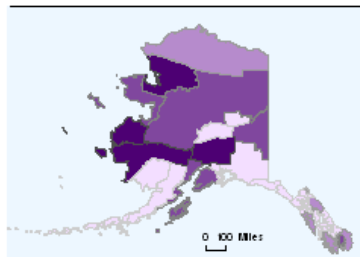
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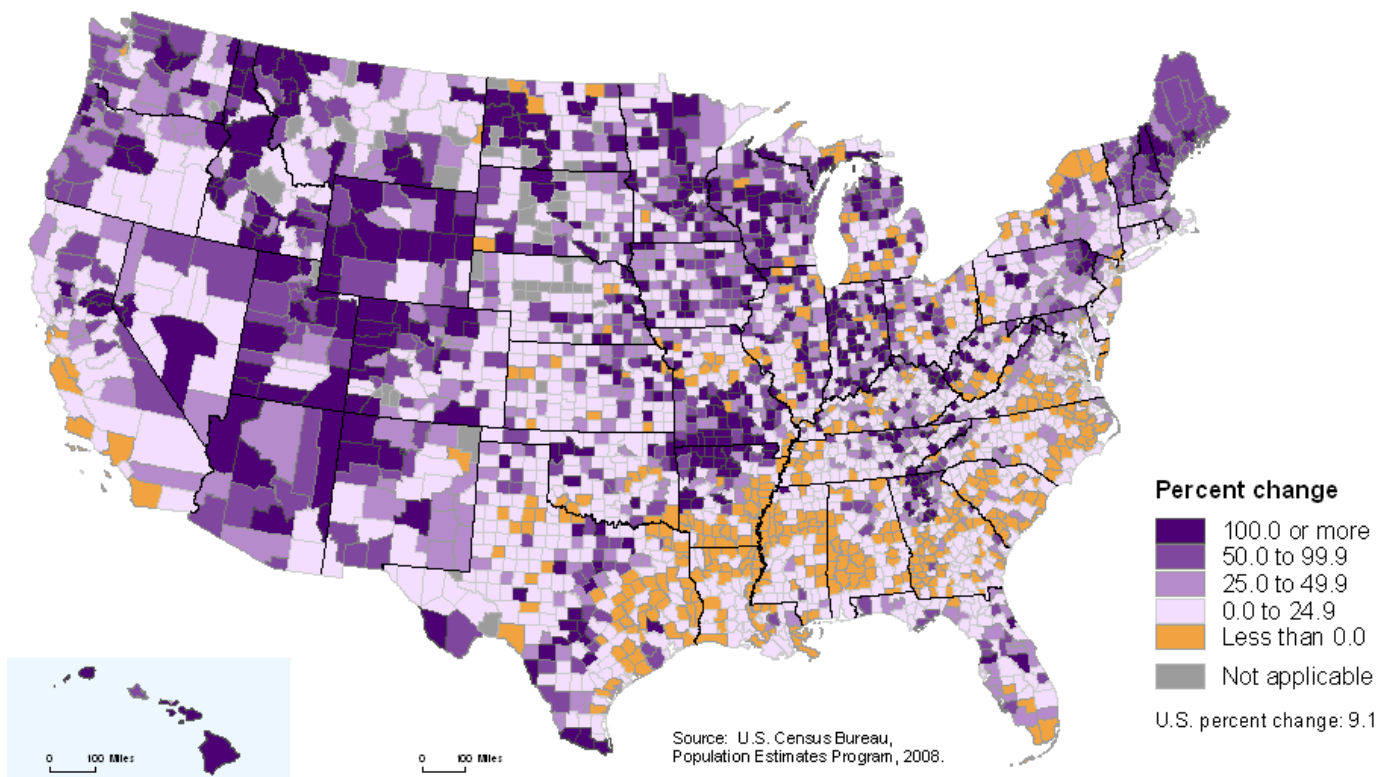
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(For counties with 10,000 or more Blacks in 2008)

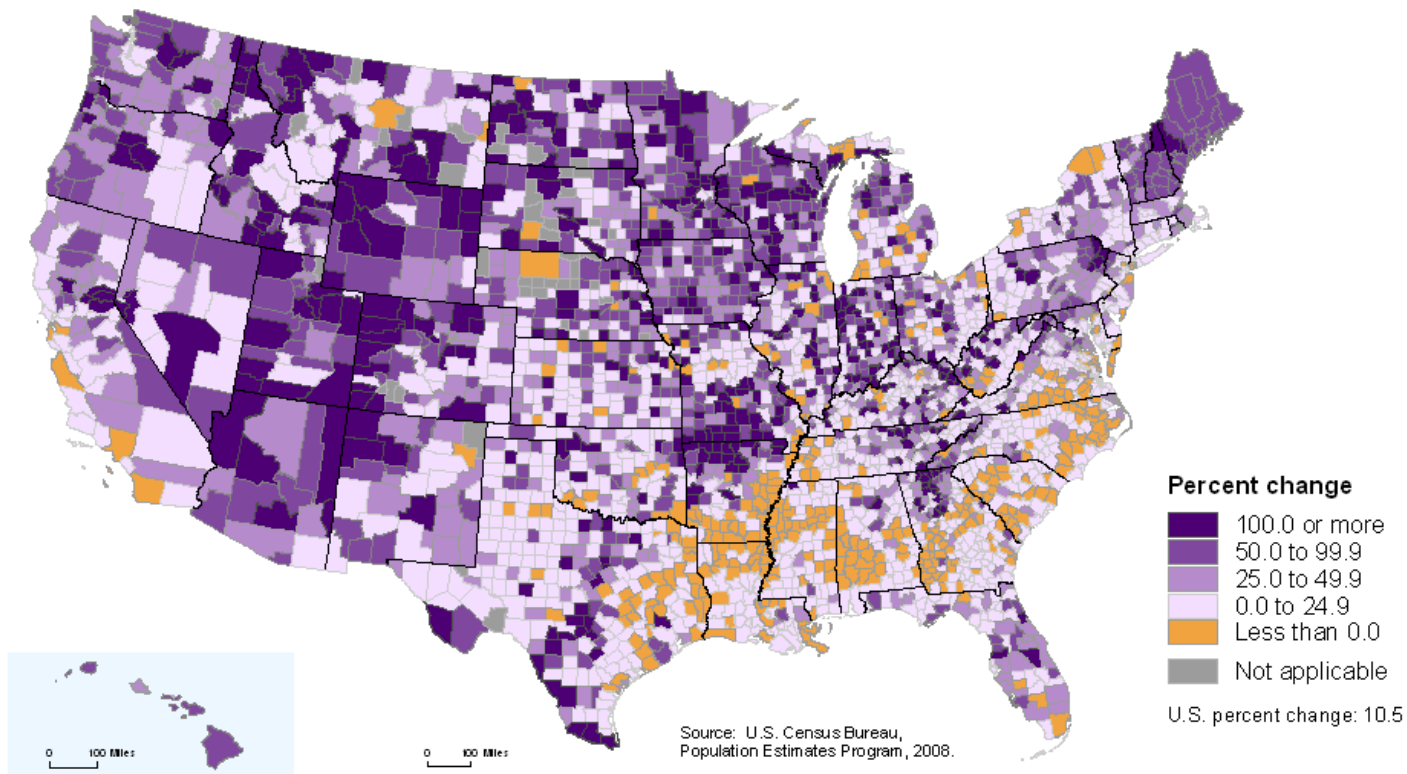
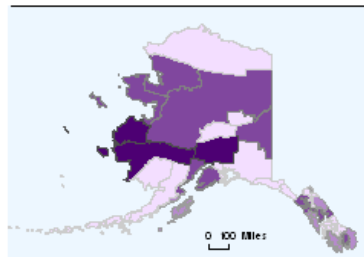
Black alone			Black AOIC		
Rank	County	Percent change	Rank	County	Percent change
1	Hamilton, IN	273.2	1	Hamilton, IN	260.9
2	Paulding, GA	253.9	2	Paulding, GA	253.0
3	Cherokee, GA	246.4	3	Henry, GA	244.5
4	Henry, GA	245.3	4	Cherokee, GA	240.2
5	Pasco, FL	191.1	5	Pasco, FL	187.2



## Percent Change in Black Alone by County: 2000 to 2008



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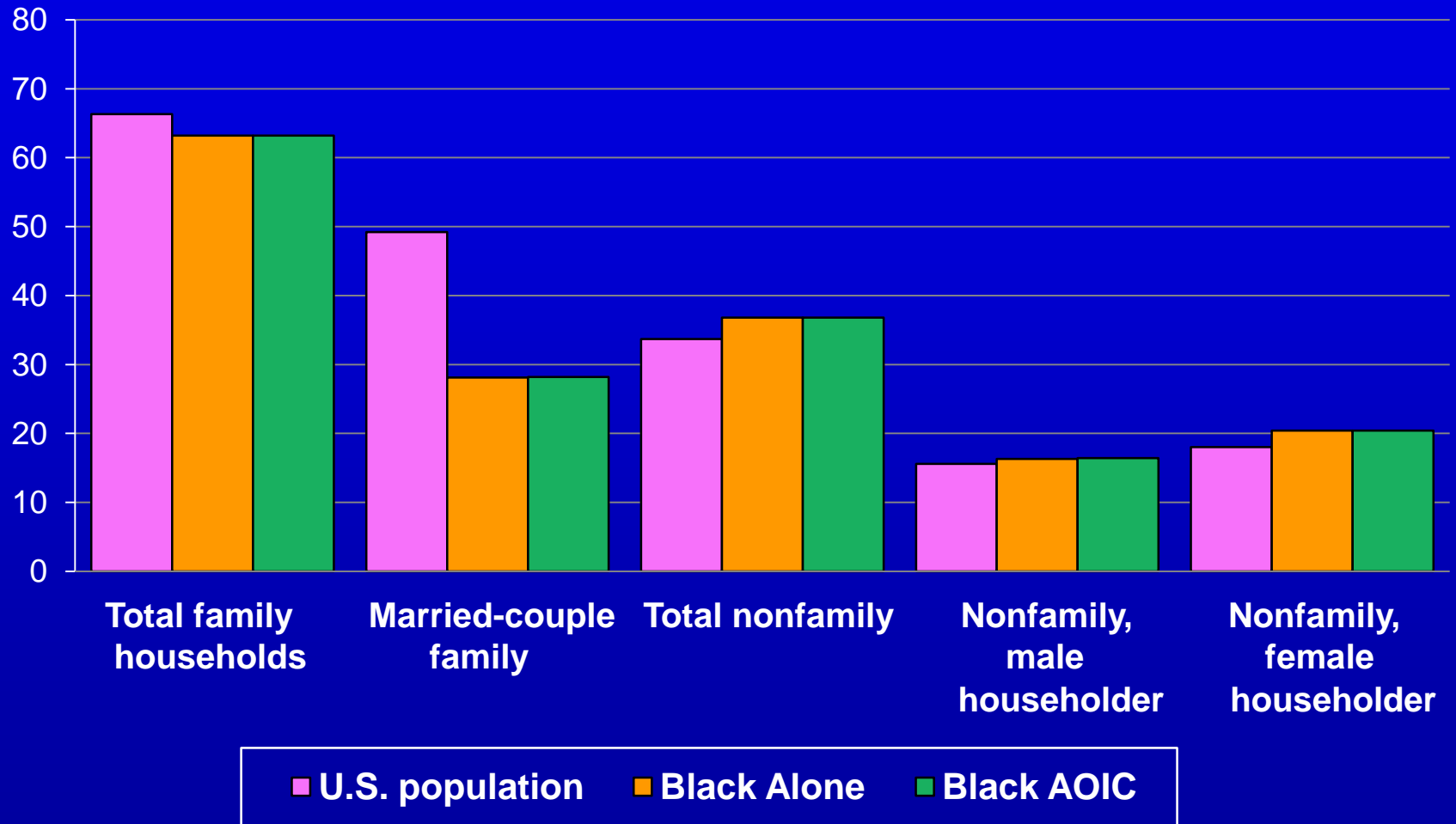


# **Results From the 2008 American Community Survey for the Black Population**

(The following are survey estimates and are subject to sampling  
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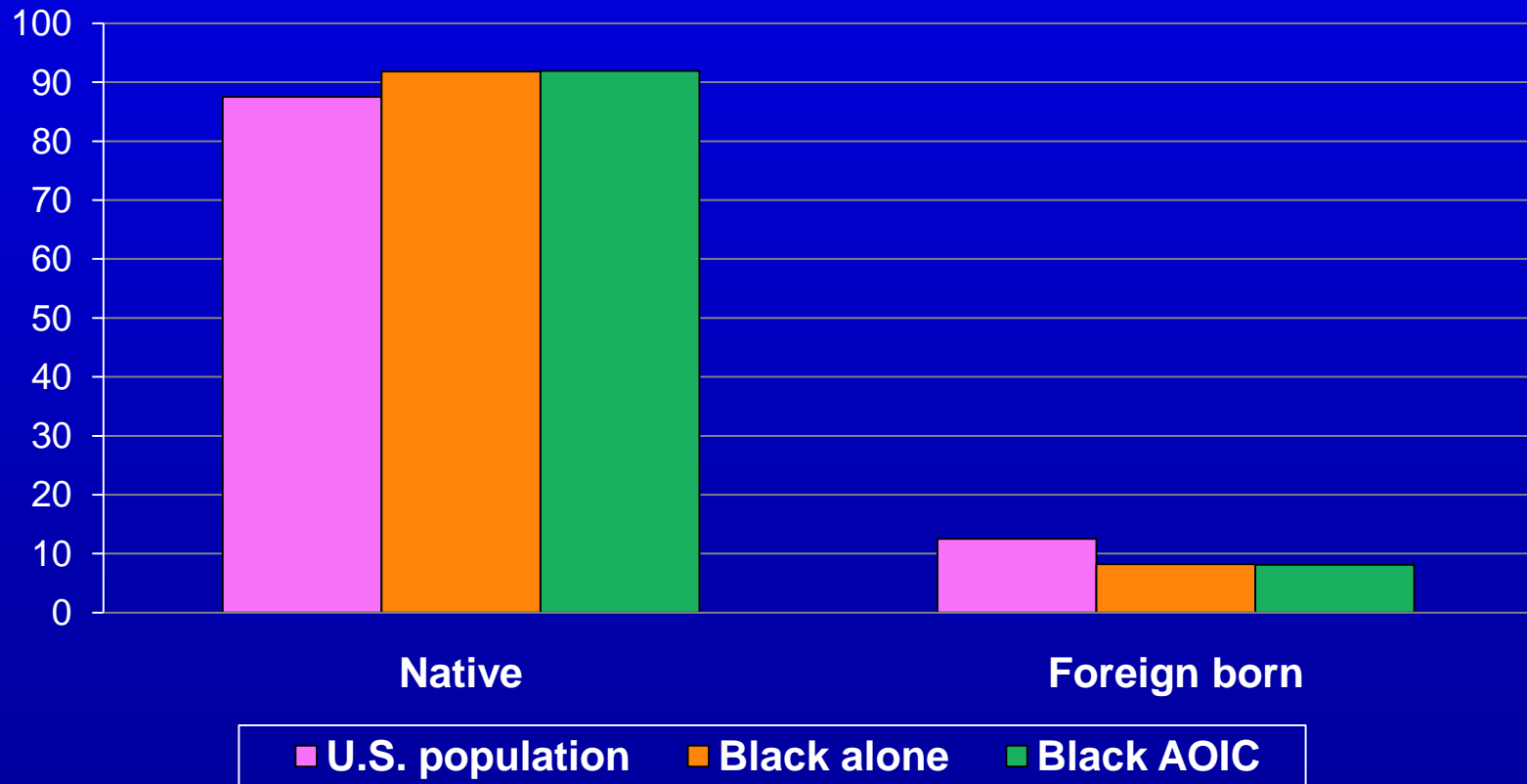
# Household Type: 2008

(Percent)



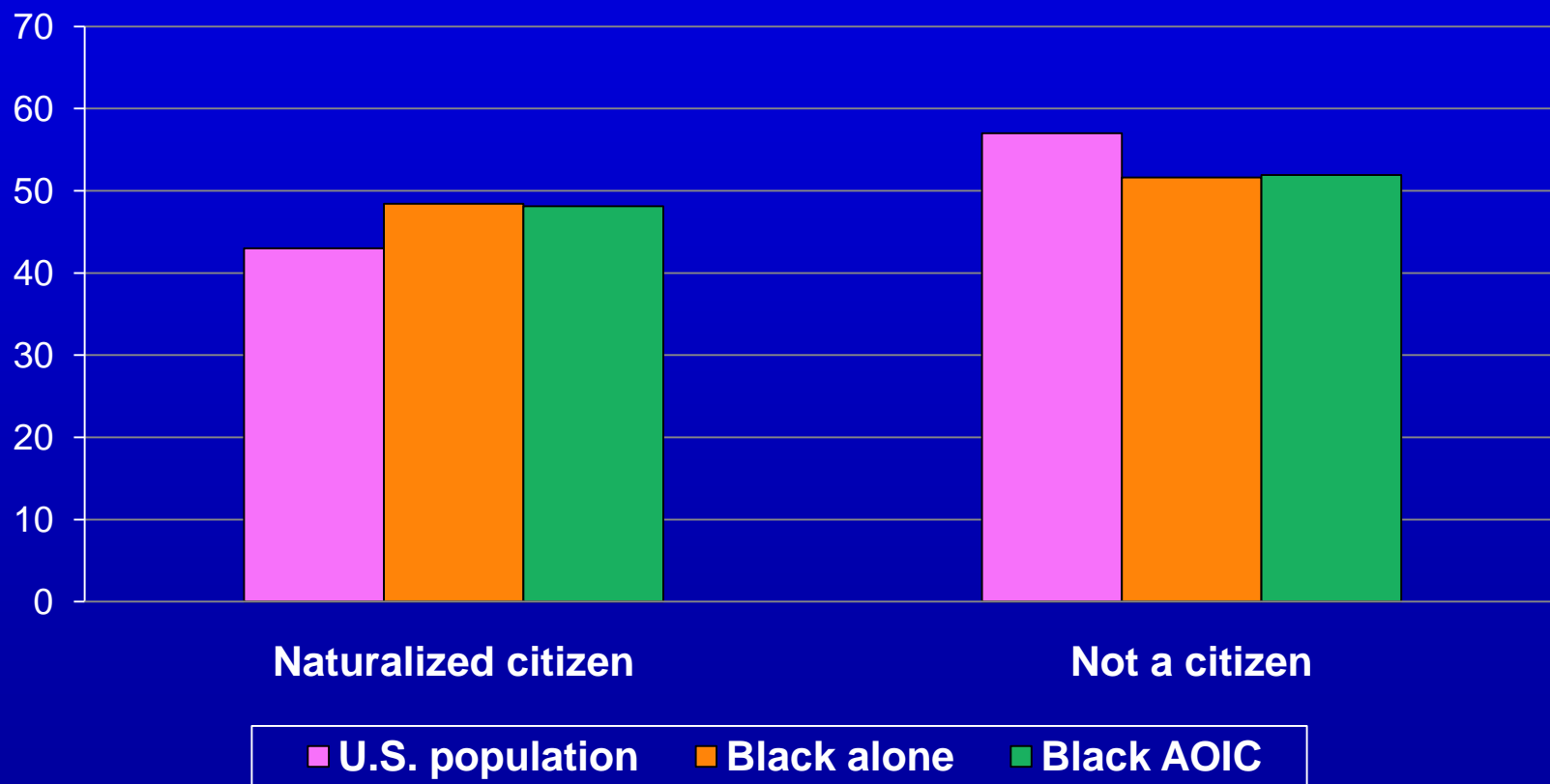
# Nativity: 2008

(Percent distribution)



# Foreign Born by Citizenship Status: 2008

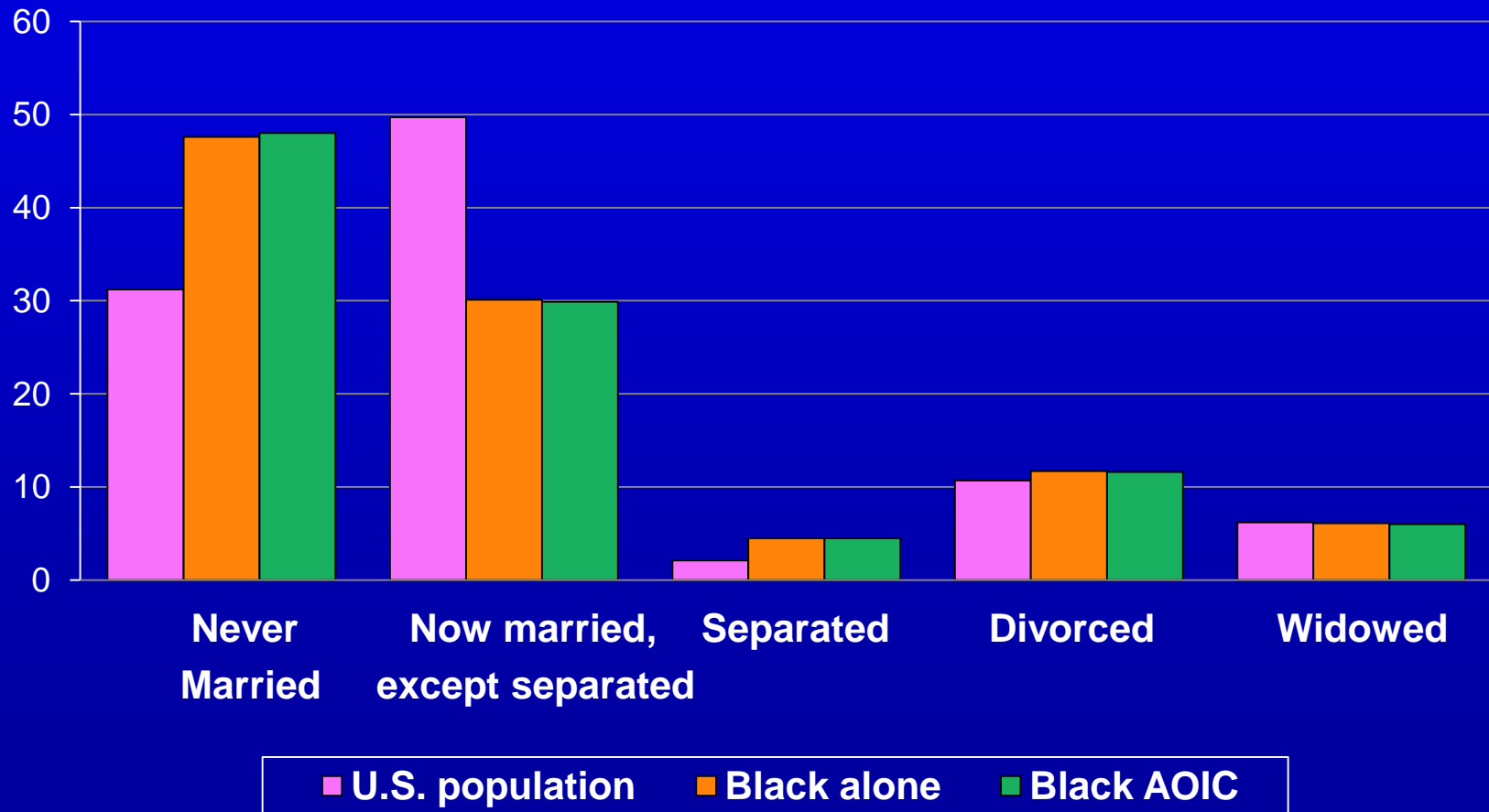
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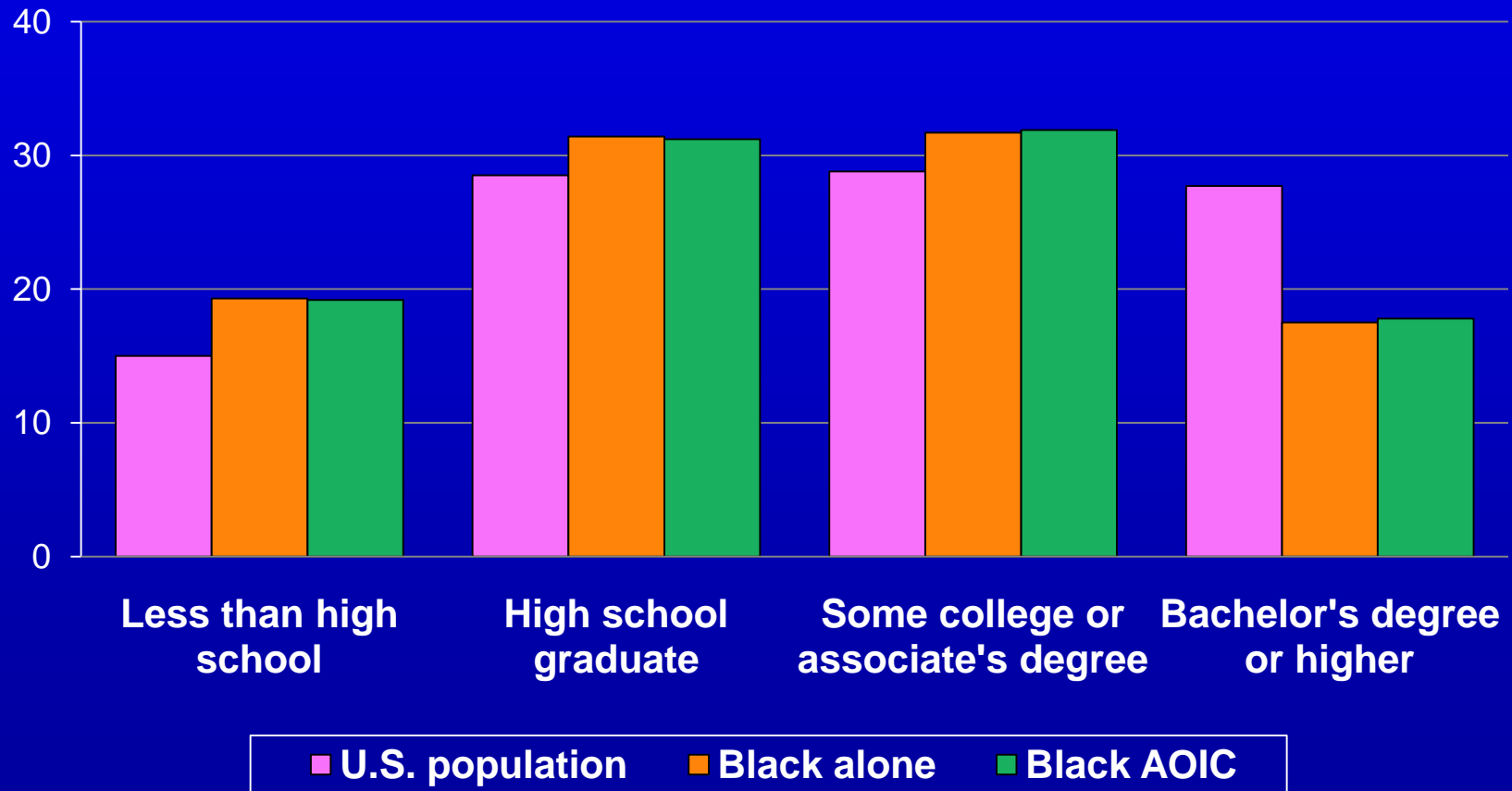
# Marital Status: 2008

(Percent distribution. Population 15 years and older)



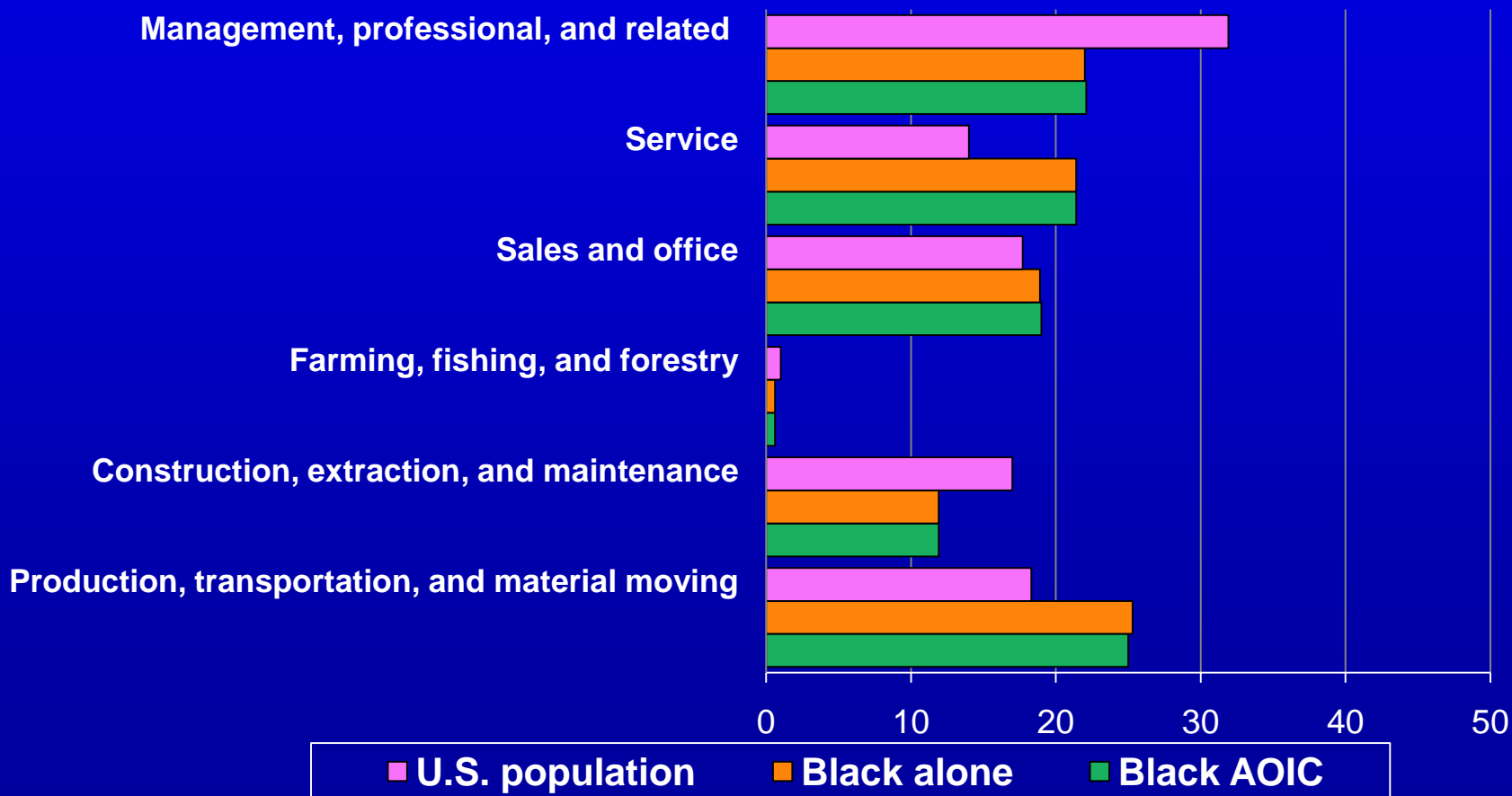
# Educational Attainment: 2008

(Percent distribution. Population 25 years and older)



# Occupation of the Civilian Employed Male Population 16 Years and Older: 2008

(Percent distribution)

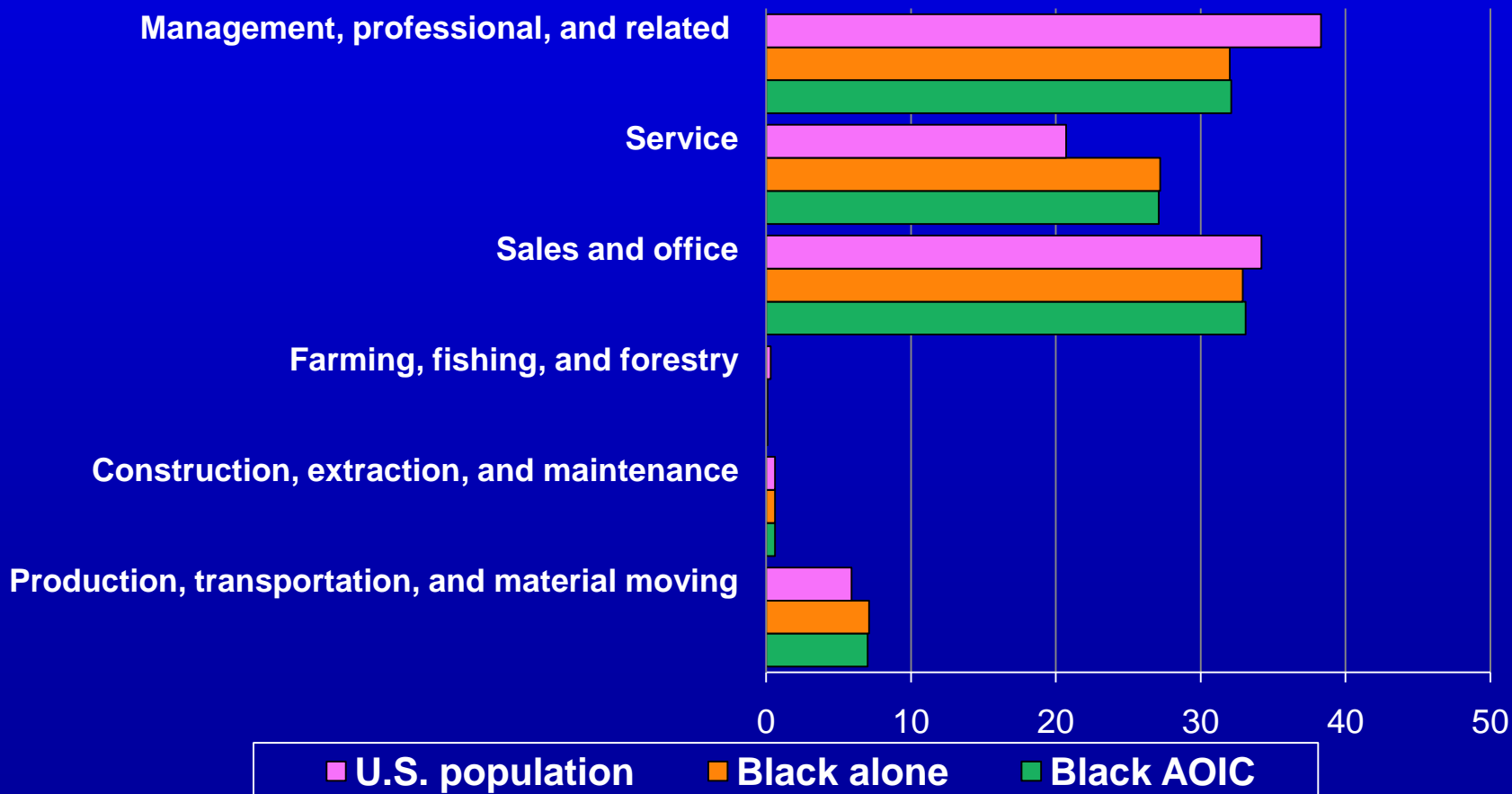


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Source: U.S. Census Bureau, 2008 American Community Survey

# Occupation of the Civilian Employed Female Population 16 Years and Older: 2008

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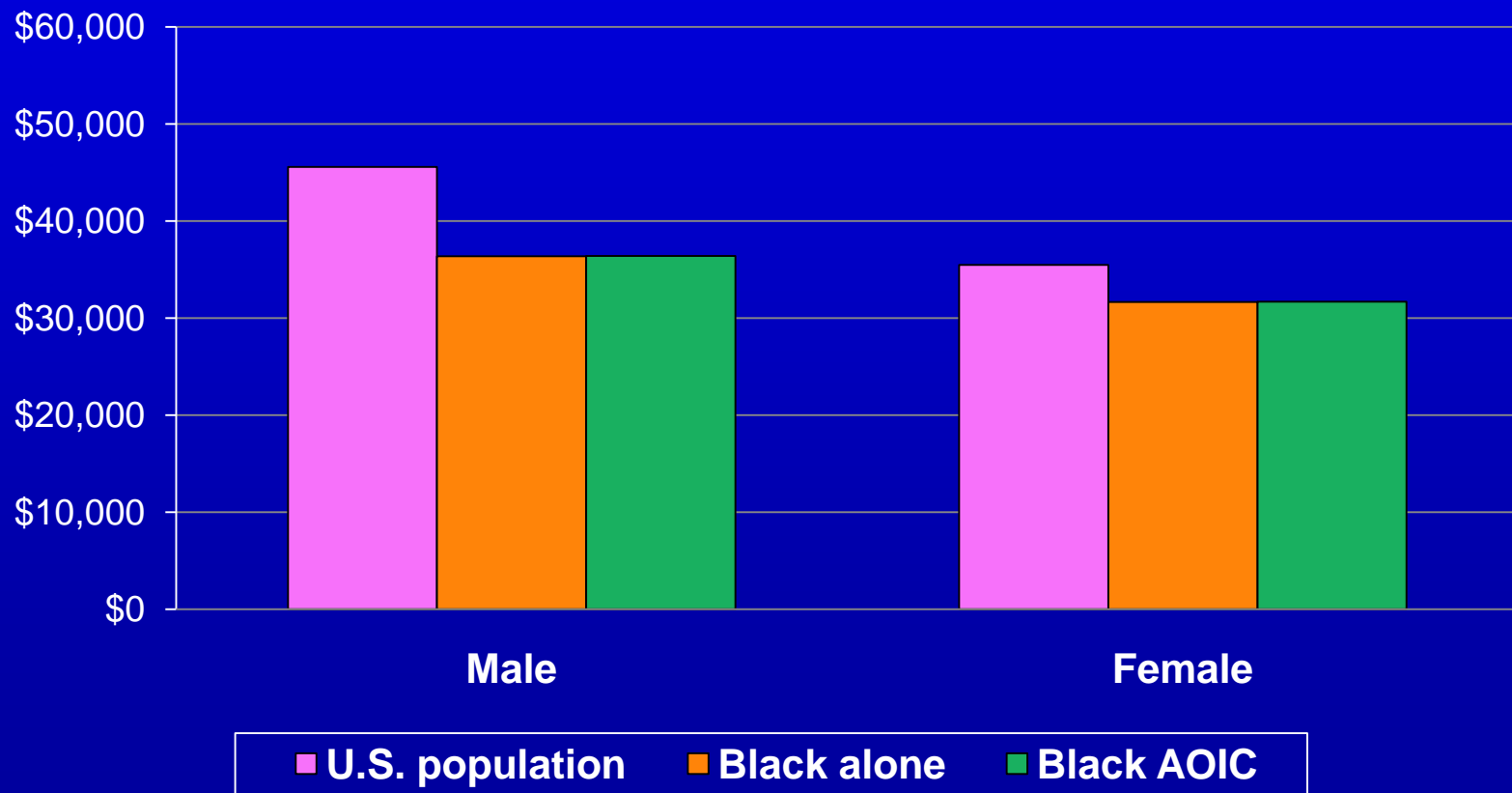


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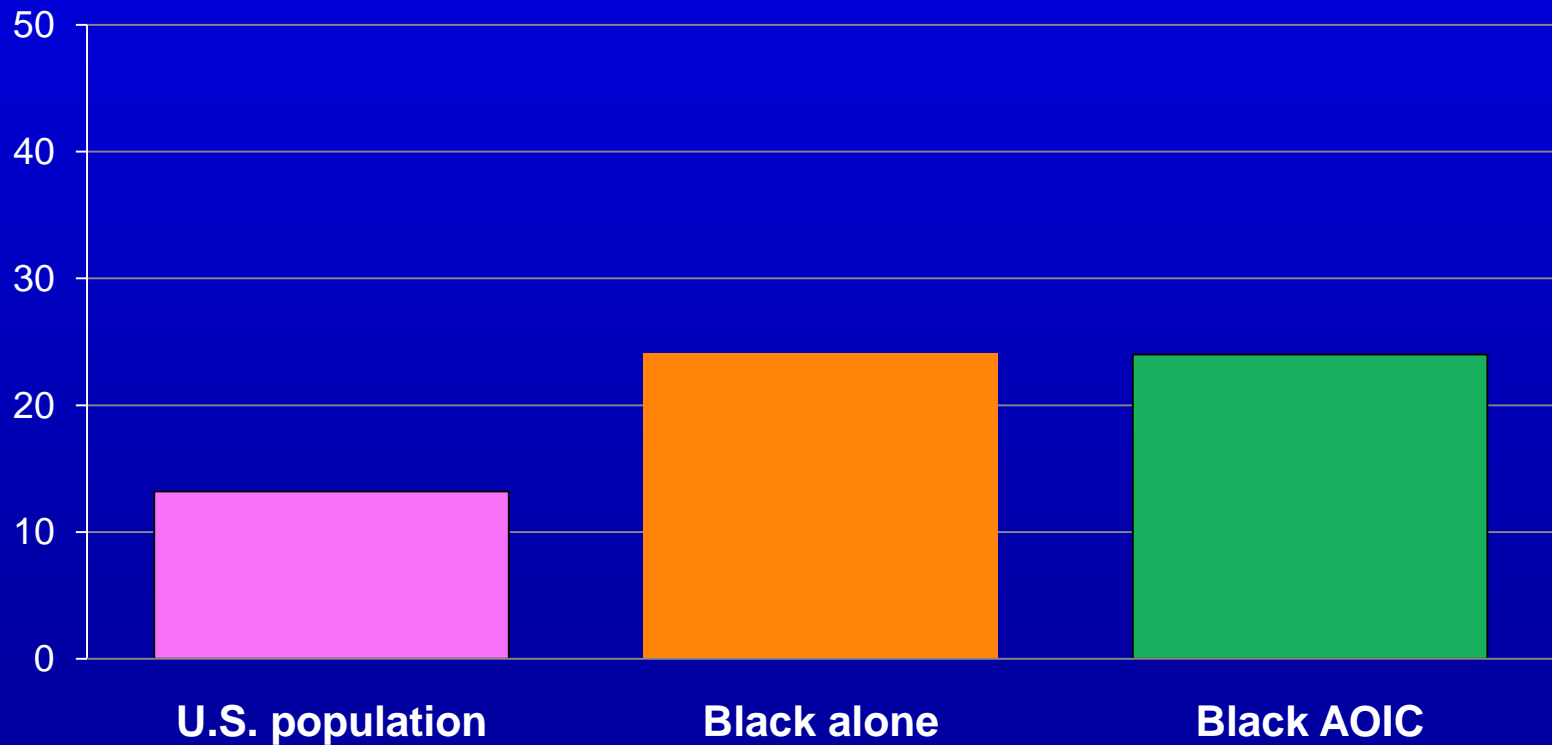
# Median Earnings in the Past 12 Months by Sex: 2008

(For employed, full-time, year-round workers 16 and older.  
In 2008 inflation-adjusted dollars)



# Poverty Rate in the Past 12 Months: 2008

(Percent. Poverty status was determined for all individuals except for unrelated individuals under 15 years old)



# Methodology

- **Estimates:**

For National Level

- <http://www.census.gov/popest/topics/methodology/2008-nat-meth.html>

For State and County Level

- <http://www.census.gov/popest/topics/methodology/2008-st-co-meth.html>

- **Projections:**

For National Level

- <http://www.census.gov/population/www/projections/methodstatement.html>

- **American Community Survey:**

For Survey Information

- <http://www.census.gov/acs/www/SBasics/>

# Definitions

- **Midwest Region:**

Illinois, Indiana, Iowa, Kansas, Michigan, Minnesota, Missouri, Nebraska, North Dakota, Ohio, South Dakota, Wisconsin

- **Northeast Region:**

Connecticut, Maine, Massachusetts, New Hampshire, New Jersey, New York, Pennsylvania, Rhode Island, Vermont

- **South Region:**

Alabama, Arkansas, Delaware, the District of Columbia, Florida, Georgia, Kentucky, Louisiana, Maryland, Mississippi, North Carolina, Oklahoma, South Carolina, Tennessee, Texas, Virginia, West Virginia

- **West Region:**

Alaska, Arizona, California, Colorado, Hawaii, Idaho, Montana, Nevada, New Mexico, Oregon, Utah, Washington, Wyoming



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[www.census.gov/population/www/socdemo/race/race.html](http://www.census.gov/population/www/socdemo/race/race.html)

**2010 Census**

[www.2010.census.gov](http://www.2010.census.gov)